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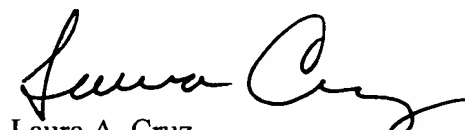
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicant is aware of the information listed in the attached form that may be material to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

1. X This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior Application No. 09/724,287, filed November 28, 2000. The references listed on the attached form were submitted to and/or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in this prior application and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.
2. X A concise explanation of the relevance of document I.D. Nos. EP 0 284 502 A1 and FR 2 744 920 A1 (which are not in the English language), as presently understood by the individual designated under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about its content, is provided in a separate "Statement of Relevance."
3. X Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the national application (other than a CPA), within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international application, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of an RCE.

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Applicant includes the enclosed concise explanation of relevance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) of documents F1 and F12.

REMARKS

European Patent No. 0 284 502 appears to be directed to a helical screw conveyor inside a chamber which uses ozonated water to treat meat.

French Patent No. 2 744 920 appears to describe a method of treating bread dough with heat to reduce adhesion and a mechanical device with rotating brushes to remove the dried debris which uses ultraviolet to re-sterilize a conveyor.

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